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Multidescriptive Coding Technique

for Multistream Communication of Signals

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)(2). A Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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